

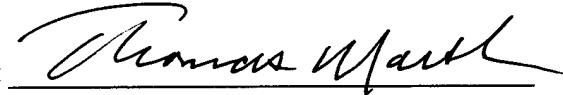
REMARKS

For the record, Applicant notes that in an Advisory Action dated July 28, 2004, the Examiner took the position that claim amendments presented in an Amendment and Response filed June 18, 2004, would not be entered since the amendments would raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Pursuant to such Advisory Action, Applicant has cancelled Claims 24-31 hereinabove and expressly reserves the right to further pursue such Claims in a subsequent application.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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